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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS, U.S. VOTE ON KOREA IN INTERNATIONAL
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS (IFIS)

REF: STATE 115658

1. ECON COUNSELOR REVIEWED THE CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH
EPB ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, LEE
SUN-KI, WHO WILL CERTAINLY PASS ALONG THE MESSAGE TO DPM NAM.

2. LEE'S INITIAL REACTION WAS STOIC BUT PUZZLED. HE
WASN'T SURE THE USG WOULD NOT VOTE AGAINST THE LOANS
AND NEEDED TO BE CERTAIN THAT WE WOULD ONLY EXPRESS OUR
CONCERN IF ASKED. INDEED, EVEN AFTER REPEATING THE
POINT SEVERAL TIMES, HE HAD DEPUTY DIRECTOR PAK HYONG-
TONG CALL THE ECON COUNSELOR TO ASK HIM TO REPEAT THE
POINTS AGAIN.

3. LEE'S REACTION OBVIOUSLY REFLECTS HIS OWN LACK OF
UNDERSTANDING OF THE US POSITION. HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW
THAT THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAD DONE WELL BY PROVIDING
ITS PEOPLE WITH EVER-IMPROVING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES.
THE ECON COUNSELOR AGREED, BUT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT
IT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THE US TO BELIEVE THAT THE KOREAN
GOVERNMENT COULDN'T MAKE SIMILAR PROGRESS IN THE
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POLITICAL REALM. IN ANY CASE, WE DID NOT WANT THE
ROK TO BE SURPRISED IF HUMAN RIGHTS CAME UP WHEN THE
FOUR LOANS WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION AND WE EXPRESSED OUR
CONCERN.
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